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Looks as if the yachtsmen were having the weather made to order around here.

Lord TENNYSON was eighty-three yesterday. TENNYSON the poet, sadly enough, has not lived so long.

Having nothing to say about it, the Queen is going to say it in the shortest speech to Parliament yet recorded.

It was because the fates were kind that recklessness didn't lead to tragedy in Coney Island railway smash of yesterday.

The Knave still thinks his Meteor the fastest yacht afloat. It certainly achieved at Cowes four of the quickest defeats on record.

It is not reported that the Seventh Avenue Railway Company abandoned any more track this morning for the good of the dear public.

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There is promised in the German Parliament a stormy discussion of the new Military bill. This measure, while reducing the term of service from three years to two, provides for an increase of men and money for the army. It will, indeed, add 60,000 men (something less than \$15,000,000) to the budget. Regular armies come high, but they must have them where they still have men to support.

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those who pay no heed to such laws we may expect constant collisions and perhaps some terrible ferry-boat catastrophe.

#### MISLEADING ESTIMATE.

The Boston *World* congratulates New York that while it "takes a vast sum of money to run the government of the metropolis, it is gratifying to observe that the tax levies not keep pace with the growth of the city."

We notice that some of our city contemporaries have been commenting favorably on the reduction in the rate of taxation this year, and have accepted it as an indication of a gratifying economy in our expenditures.

The Evening Woman is not a fault-finder, and gives our present municipal administration credit for very fair management of our local affairs. There is, of course, plenty of room for improvement. Nobody can deny that if the Government were run as a large business, its expenses would be considerably smaller than they are. It happens however, that all talk about these business "administrations" is remaining.

The plain fact is that our tax levy is a fiction and a delusion, and that our annual estimates are false and misleading. The latter do not represent the actual cost of the government, and the former is doctored as not to show the annual tax-rate. The cost of the Board Department of the Executive Department, of the temporary repair, and of certain improvements, which are as much "annual expenses" as are the appropriate for the Mayor's office, the Comptroller's office or any other department or office of the city government, are not included in the annual budget. By special laws or by the practice of the government they are pushed aside, taken out of the year's expenditures and hidden under permanent debt, revenue on its charges against money received from licenses. Hence our yearly budget is a fiction and does not truthfully represent our yearly expenditures.

By a special act of the Legislature, passed in 1889, and made retroactive for that year, the sum of about \$4,000,000 was diverted, illegally, it is believed, from the pledged securities of the Sinking Fund and improperly applied to the reduction of the tax rate. If this amount and all the yearly expenses of the Government were charged as they ought to be to the tax levy, we should have a rate of over 2 per cent. instead of only 1.5%.

These facts ought to be well enough known to prevent the New York news-paper at least from being misled by the seemingly reduced tax rate.

#### TAXING BIG GUNS.

Big guns and wholesale destructioning masses are to be the real engines of war in the future. Armies seldom get to hand-to-hand encounters in modern warfare, and while field maneuvers and sharp-shooting and the like are necessary branches of a military education, the handling and management of heavy artillery must be thoroughly learned and practiced to create an efficient army.

The State of Massachusetts has inaugurated a movement for the instruction and training of her militia in the handling of heavy artillery and in target practice with the modern big guns. This is a good example and might be followed by other States with advantage to the efficiency and usefulness of their citizen soldiers.

In New York especially, where the coast defense would need just such knowledge and skill on the part of our defenders, the plan should be promptly adopted, and measures taken for the thorough training of some of our National Guard regiments in heavy ordnance practice.

#### THE BIGAMOUS KETCHAM.

Mr. George Ketcham is a resident of the City of Churches and until very recently was Superintendent of the Old Colony Steamship Company. Although Mr. Ketcham had no wife, Hyde for a counterpart he had a sort of double-barreled life. He had taken to himself a brace of wives, kept a double domestic establishment in Brooklyn and double sets of books in his Old Colony Steamship office. Last Thursday Mr. Ketcham absconded from his two wives, from his two homes and from his two sets of books. Then it was found that he had cheated his families and robbed his employers.

This is hardly fair. If a Vaudeville Club is that it will be very swell and that its exclusiveness will prevent husbands and skill on the part of our defenders, the plan should be promptly adopted, and measures taken for the thorough training of some of our National Guard regiments in heavy ordnance practice.

#### JOE STINER'S AUCTION.

A Package Sale at Brighton Beach Yielded \$100.00.

A package sale took place at the Brighton Beach Hotel Saturday night in which all the guests of the hotel participated. The guests had lots of fun, and the package was opened which brought \$100.00.

A great bit of the evening came when Mr. Stiner offered for sale a large iron spittoon, which a newspaper man, while dining at the Brighton Beach Hotel, was said to have given him. He said it was now on exhibition at the fair.

The total amount obtained for the fund was \$100.00, which was received at THE EVENING WORLD office this morning.

#### JEROME HOPKINS, \$167.

His New Musical Lecture Given for the Fund at Newport.

On Sunday morning at 11.30 a select and fashionable audience gathered before Hopkins at the Newport Casino to aid THE EVENING WORLD'S Sick Babies' Fund, and \$167. was netted for the cause.

Mr. Hopkins' new phonograph concert entitled "A Yankee Musical Affair" and his humorous sketches and description of his English experiences were received with frequent laughter and applause.

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Mr. George Birnbaum and the ladies of Harlem and the Bronx district are working hard for the success of the Sick Babies' Fund, which is to take place Aug. 11, at the Harlem Democratic Club, on One Hundred Twenty-first Street, Manhattan. The boy, too, is to be present.

Malton A. Kunkel, they began singing him HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA and in a short time the boy healed and became perfectly well again.

Such an occurrence is wholly inexplicable.

Thousands travel over every available line to the island on a fine Sunday, and extreme care should be taken to

prevent an accident. In this case an accident was invited by the arrangement of running two sections to connect at a midway station instead of running full trains from each end through the entire length of the road.

The travel to the island is tolerably safe, considering the large crowds carried, and such needless peril as that of yesterday ought not to be incurred and ought to be guarded against in the future.

#### NORWICH REFORM.

They have a Dr. Packhurst in the nice, quiet, well-balanced little city of Norwich, Conn. The Rev. Dr. L. Evans Worcester Brooks, 36, D. D., is the divine who is leading off against the alleged immorality of Norwich. He is the head of a Law and Order League, and he handles his subject with a vim and an unerring hand.

The immorality about the Norwich case is that the city government which is as safe as can be in Republican for years, and the hopes of reform are based on the action of the present Democratic Mayor.

This will probably surprise Dr. Packhurst, but it shows pretty conclusively that politicians are of much the same make-up when in power, whether they be Democrats or Republicans.

One of the "reforms" advocated by the Bacon League is the stopping of all sorts of pleasure travel on Sunday. It is proposed to tie up the electric cars and a summer excursion steamer which has been accustomed to carry its Sunday crowds to a day of recreation, fresh air and healthfulness. But are not such reforms aids to immorality and vice? If the city is as immoral as Dr. Brooks charges, it is not likely to carry the Sunday crowds out of the city instead of having them in the way of temptation?

#### TAKE CARE OF THE PARK.

People are beginning to notice evidence of neglect in the condition of Central Park, and the City Improvement Society, which, unlike most of such amateur associations, does good practical work, makes formal complaint of the shortcomings of those in charge. Recently the Board has bid the Department of some employees who seemed to be more careful of their own interests than of those of the Park. The officers who remained are believed to be capable and faithful, and certainly the people look to them for better care of the principal park of the city than seems to be bestowed upon it at the present moment.

The Central Park has no rival in any country. The labor bestowed upon it and the genius invoked to give it all the beauty it possesses are worthy of all praise. But it is a work that needs constant vigilance and industry to preserve its attractions and to maintain it in perfect condition. There can be no neglect, no intermission in watching without injury to some of its many features. The Park is an important one in every respect, and the people are jealous of its faithful and efficient administration.

#### HOW WILL WIVES LOOK AT IT?

The Vaudeville Club, which will begin operations in this city about Nov. 1, will add another to the list of transvestite exercises which men have for staying out late at night. It will hire variety talent and give a performance every evening which will commence at 11 o'clock and last until 2 A. M. or later.

It is not the real gospel of love but the false prompting of infatuation that obtains in the Chinese Sunday schools, as now conducted.

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Recent Entertainments Given in Aid of the Fund.

The Excellent Work the Free Doctors Are Doing.

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